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## THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

### Events of Interest From Wash- ington.

By J. E. Jones.

#### COMMISSION ON INDUSTRIAL RE- LATIONS.

Chairman Frank P. Walsh and the representatives of labor will present a minority report for the Commission on Industrial Relations, and a majority report, will be handed in by the three representatives of capital, who will be supported by Mrs. Borden J. Harriman, the rich widow who was given a job on the Commission. The Commission attracted interest particularly because of its investigation of the Colorado coal strike, and Mr. Walsh's rigid examination of John D. Rockefeller, junior. Walsh is bitterly arraigned by some of his associates on the Commission, and he is accused of advancing all sorts of socialistic dogma. This charge is sustained by his proposal that all estates in excess of one million dollars be seized.

It may at first seem disappointing that so important a Commission should fall in presenting a unanimous report, but when it is recalled that the United States Supreme Court usually divides in about the same proportion, whenever there is an important question involved, it is hardly reasonable to expect any other result.

Walsh is the victim of attack for very simple reasons that were apparent to everyone who attended the hearings in Washington, New York or other parts of the country. His wonderful grasp of the vital issues between labor and capital, and his fearless championship of human rights, ought to mark him as one of humanity's noblest friends. But quite on the contrary, it has brought the customary ridicule and misinterpretation that is usually manufactured by that part of the metropolitan press which faithfully serves its masters. One might suppose that Walsh was a pop-eyed, red-tailed devil from the things that have been said of him. On the contrary, he is a successful practicing attorney; one of the best cross-examiners in the country; and he is gifted with the power to analyze a great problem in a way possessed by few men. When he was in Washington it was acknowledged by those who frequented the hearings, that his was the master mind of the Commission. Perhaps it was a fault, but Walsh was brutally direct with Mr. Rockefeller and some of the other witnesses, and whenever he gave a name to a thing it was so plain that there was no mistaking a spade for a soap suds.

Progress will have the results of this Commission's work before it, and maybe it will be turned to good advantage. However the chances are that the whole thing will be pigeon-holed the same as were the returns from committees that investigated the money trust, the steel corporations, etc. Nevertheless it must not be assumed that no concrete results have not been obtained in each instance, as a considerable part of the public has followed each affair of these, and the Colorado and Michigan strikes, election contributions, etc., and the public mind has been strengthened through obtaining a better knowledge of the affairs of their country.

#### WHAT TO EAT.

In certain tropical countries the natives live on different kinds of fruits, and there are evidences that the banana, coconut and mangoed men and women are as sturdy and strong as the meat eaters of the United States. The Chinese grow big and strong from eating rice, and the Arabs are fierce and healthy, and their menu is dates. Some Americans with broken-down digestive apparatus, advocate grapes, nuts, buttermilk or vegetable diets; but as a rule the lives of most people of the United States are shortened, and it could be truthfully written on their death certificates: "Died of a surplus."

#### AMERICAN PEACE CONGRESS.

The rabid militarists and the peace at any price advocates will have to take such satisfaction as they can find out of the present universal discussion of "preparedness." As a matter of fact it is not likely that the United States is going to lose its head, and there are plain evidences that from President Wilson down to the most humble Congressman there is a disposition to carefully map out a plan of suitable defense for the United States, without aping the military methods of European countries. New conditions will be met, and new methods of preparation.

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## BETHEL INN

### Happenings of the Week

Dr. and Mrs. Wesselhoft and Miss Wesselhoft of Boston were week end visitors.

Chas. F. Rogers of New York, the noted amateur golfer, was a guest on Thursday.

Mr. and Wm. Guthrie returned on Saturday for a short visit with Mr. Wm. Fuller.

Mrs. S. K. Everett and daughter, Miss Everett, of New York arrived at the Inn on Saturday and will remain during September.

Mrs. Wm. H. Tenbrook and daughter, Miss K. Tenbrook, of Overlook, Penn., spent Saturday and Sunday at the Inn. They were en route to Dixville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Dixon and their son, E. A. Dixon, all of Philadelphia, were week end visitors. Mr. Dixon is well known in hotel circles, being the head of a Tourist Bureau in Philadelphia.

That there are some good sized fish in Songo Pond was proven during the past week by Wm. Guthrie who landed the largest black bass of the season. He also caught several good sized perch.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Rickett and Miss D. B. Smith and Miss C. V. Dorman, all of Washington, D. C., were guests at the Inn for several days last week. The party is making a motor trip to Lake George. Mr. Rickett is prominent in financial circles in the Capital City.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. English of New Haven, Conn., accompanied by their two sons, H. K. and P. H. English, their daughter, Miss A. M. English, were guests on Thursday and Friday. Mr. and Mrs. English have been friends as well as guests of Mr. Seavey for many years.

Miss F. Woods of Cambridge, Mass., accompanied by her cousin, Miss Louise W. McLeary, of Farmington, Me., arrived at the Inn on Saturday for a week's visit. Miss McLeary is one of the most popular guests at the Inn and is a charming exponent of the modern dances.

Last Saturday evening the music room was cleared for dancing and many found their way through the different steps. Portland Paney and Virginia Reel seemed to be the favorites as all catered into them with a vim. The Criterion orchestra of four pieces furnished excellent music.

#### HAVE SEED TESTED.

Anyone May Have the Purity of Seed Determined by the Department's Seed Laboratory.

The Seed Laboratory of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., tests agricultural seeds and furnishes information essential to the farmer which he can not reasonably be expected to obtain for himself. Anyone may submit samples with a request for information upon the following points:

(a) Truthness to name—whether the seed is misbranded or not.

(b) Presence of adulterants—whether the seed contains seed of inferior kinds of similar appearance.

(c) Proportion of pure seed present.

(d) Proportion and kinds of weed seeds present.

(e) Proportion of chaff and dirt present.

(f) Proportion of pure seed that will grow.

(g) Region of origin.

This work makes it possible for farmers to avoid the use of seed which is misbranded or adulterated, which is low in purity through the presence of noxious weeds or worthless material, or which will not grow, and removes the chief controllable difficulty in the way of securing a good stand in the field.

The effect of the work, however, extends much further than to the actual lots of seed analyzed. Seedsmen are becoming acquainted with the growing custom of farmers sending their seeds to be tested, and a seedman does not offer poor seed to the man who he expects will have it tested before buying. Seeds may be submitted for test to the Seed Laboratory at Washington, D. C., or to any of the branch laboratories maintained in cooperation with the agricultural experiment stations in the States of Louisiana, Missouri, Indiana, California, and Oregon.

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## INEFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT

By J. E. Jones.

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#### INTRODUCTION.

Our republican form of government is a success—a success in spite of itself. Government, like all else, is the heir to many evils, and among the inheritances of the republic were the twin evils, graft and inefficiency. When graft became conspicuous, it invited attack, and it is evidence of improvement that it has almost disappeared during late years. But inefficiency, which has inflicted a hundred-fold more loss upon the country than its more conspicuous sister, continues to flourish scandalously.

The patriotic people who cherish the American brand of liberty dislike the thought that there is anything wrong with their great government, and true to natural instincts, have found blissful comfort in nursing illusions which cannot be too rapidly dispelled. Why blame them, since Nature herself plays fanciful tricks through illusions that afford us our greatest pleasures as we discover them at the countryside, in pranks of light and darkness, in glimpses into the phosphorescent sea, or at the end of the rainbow, where as children we all kept our pot of gold. But government is a human institution, and in its proper relation to the people there should be no deception, no delusion; and it is the duty of the individual citizen to obtain a clearer understanding of the manner in which the affairs of his country are being conducted. Government has too long been used to shield promises that never could be fulfilled, and under cover of its greatness there has been a superabundance of that which is fictitious and unreal. The best thinkers of the times are agreed that there is a vast opportunity for improvement in public conditions, and the problems that confront the American people make it essential that they should give more careful heed to public affairs.

Government is but a collection of human ideas, human purposes, human resolves and human energies. If we are to progress it is necessary that our government shall attain its greatest efficiency in order that it may keep ahead of the rapidly changing methods in development, manufacture, industry and commerce.

Naturally there must be a division of the power which represents the affairs of a hundred million people. Unfortunately, the men who should share the direct responsibility are hampered by antiquated methods in vogue in the public service. In consequence there are too many instances where they have become mere figure heads. There are many cases where Congressmen have formed no part in the formation of general legislation, but have spent term after term as mere automata for their party leaders, but by keeping the local affairs of their districts well in hand they have managed to hold their positions. It would be a startling revelation to the voters in many congressional districts should they by any chance discover what a small part their favored son is performing in the business of running the government. The result of these conditions has brought about a lamentable condition of inefficiency in the public service.

The remedy is not to be found in aimless criticism. Since the government belongs to the people, they must not attempt to shift all the responsibility of failures in the system onto the shoulders of the politicians, for the latter are merely servants of the former; and it is always the duty of the employer to know what kind of work is being done in his establishment. If the results do not show faithful service, then the employer must do his duty in finding a remedy, or a new servant. For many years some of the railroads and representatives of business interests made the fatal mistake of assuming a sort of paternal proprietorship over federal, state and local legislation, and this continued until their influence became a threatening menace. These people nearly scattered their own ships, but their frontier was beneficial to the public welfare because it directed a closer scrutiny into existing conditions.

Seizing upon the opportunity—when the public desired only to right the wrongs they had discovered—the advocates of idle theories have sought to divert the attention of the masses from the necessity of preserving the funda-

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## WOODSTOCK CENTENNIAL

### Large Crowd Attend Interesting Exercises

Last Wednesday, Aug. 19, Mrs. Woodstock, all clad in gay attire, welcomed her sons and daughters to the celebration of her one hundredth birthday. The day was ideal and some 2,000 people gathered to do her honor.

The parade was formed at 9 A. M., and was marshaled by R. L. Cummings. Following him were a platoon of deputy sheriffs, the Dixfield band and U. R. K. of P., as an escort. Then came the old trolley coach driven by George Tuttle and loaded with old veterans, among whom were: James Bowker, Horace Berry, Henry Berry, Gilman Whitman, R. B. Taylor, Freeman Wyman, Alvin Lovejoy, A. P. Chandler, Chas. R. Bartlett, Milford Phelps, Amos Bryant, C. N. Willey, Consider Farrar, and Mrs. Jennie Currier and Donald DeShon representing a Square and her Papoose. Following these were the automobiles bearing the guest of the day, Ex-Governor Fernald, and the oldest residents of Woodstock. In Alvah Andrews' car was Francis Hammond 92 years old and the oldest man in Woodstock; Mr. Dodd carried S. L. Riss, Geo. W. Bowker, Chas. B. Brooks, Daniel Churchill; Lester Bryant, Nathaniel Cummings, Granville Felt, Alfred H. Briggs, Ransom Cummings; Miss Georgia Crockett, Mrs. Albion Bowker, Mrs. Daniel Churchill, Mrs. David Swan, Mrs. Isaac Howe; A. Mont Chase, Mrs. Augustus Rowe, Mrs. Emily McCullis, Mrs. S. E. Russ.

Then came an auto carrying Uncle Sam and the Goddess of Liberty followed by the Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls bearing a large flag. After these were the floats of the K. of P., Franklin Grange, M. C. Allen, H. J. Libby, N. I. Swan, Roy Titus, A. Dudley, C. T. Dudley, H. A. Bacon, Dearborn Spies, Chas. Mann's Clotheopia Factory, The Little Jap Tea Room and the Fire Company.

Handsomely decorated cars, with bunting, flags and flowers, came next belonging to Mrs. I. A. Hall, R. E. Freeman, Dr. Rogers, L. E. Kimpton, G. W. Q. Perham, Frank Davis, Orlando Robbins, Frank Andrews, Dana Dudley, Roy Titus, John Titus, H. A. Bacon, Wallace Andrews, Will Andrews, Roy Crockett, Frank Sweetser, Albert Russ, James Day, Glen Brooks, Ed Pevory.

The first prize in the parade was awarded to the auto bearing Ray Crockett, who was garbed as Father Time, and second prize went to Arthur Stevens' auto, while the motor of Mrs. I. A. Hall of Paterson, N. J., and the motor of L. E. Kimpton of St. Lambert, Que., one of which was done in roses and the other in golden rod, were given, honorable mention.

#### Morning Exercises.

The morning exercises were held in a rustic grandstand erected on the common for the occasion. Dr. Alfred Rogers of Boston presided. The singing was led by Hon. G. W. Q. Perham. After the Doxology and prayer by Rev. E. H. Glover, Dr. Rogers spoke briefly of the purpose of the gathering. The address of welcome was extended by Hon. G. W. Q. Perham and was responded to by Columbus P. Kimball of Berlin, N. H. The anniversary hymn, composed by Arthur P. Cushman was sung and then Ex-Gov. H. M. Fernald gave the oration of the day.

Dinner was served in the Grange and K. of P. halls and in a large tent erected for the occasion.

#### Afternoon Exercises.

The exercises of the afternoon were held in Dearborn's grove, a wonderfully fine natural amphitheatre. A temporary grandstand prettily decorated, was erected for the speakers.

The following program was given: Music by the Band.

#### Historical Address.

by Mrs. Martha K. Dudley

Violin Solo, Madame Dora Schaffner, of New York City

Anniversary Poem, composed by Phillips Brooks, a Bryant's Pond young man

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## GRANGE NEWS

### CANTON GRANGE.

Canton Grange young people will conduct the next meeting which will be held on the evening of September 11. The chairs will be filled by them as follows: Master, Arthur Tucker; overseer, Merle Adams; lecturer, Ada Bonney; steward, Harlan Berry; assistant steward, Lyman Ellis; chaplain, Eda Brown; treasurer, Bernard Adams; secretary, Ella Walker; gate keeper, Swasey Walling; Ceres, Marguerite Hollis; Pomona, Eva Briggs; Flora, Helen Daley; lady assistant steward, Ruth Richardson. The program will be in charge of Mary Richardson, Eleanor Westgate and Florence Childs. Refreshments will be in charge of Mrs. S. E. Richardson, Mrs. W. F. Mitchell, Jr., and Mrs. E. E. Westgate.

### PARIS GRANGE.

Paris Grange met Saturday, Aug. 21, at 8 P. M., with a fair attendance. Program of meeting: Clara Annis Piano Solo, encore, Mrs. Eva Records Current Events, Clara Annis Piano Solo, Question for discussion: Is a farmer ever justified in feeding his moving fields? Opened by R. L. Cummings of West Paris, followed by L. A. Brooks and W. Q. Thayer.

Question: What are the comparative benefits between Spring and Fall plowing? Answered by R. L. Cummings and A. L. Abbott.

Reading, Georgia Haggett Piano Solo, Clara Annis Remarks, J. A. Kenney Grange Closing Song, Next meeting Sept. 4 at 10 A. M.

### PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE.

Pleasant Valley Grange, No. 136, West Bethel, held its regular meeting, Aug. 24. There were twenty-six members present and one visitor from Norway Grange and two from Round Mt. Grange, Albany. The literary program consisted of

Mrs. Helen Howard Music, Mrs. Anna Stearns Reading, D. D. McLeod Reading, Emma Mills Reading, Len Sumner Story, Douglas Gushing Story, Mrs. Helen Howard Song.

#### BIOCYCLE CONTEST.

The bicycle contest is waxing warm. Two have passed the 400 mark and now it is a race to see which one will get a wheel first.

There are only a few days left before Sept. 15, when the contest closes. Remember, new subscriptions count most.

The following is a list to date of the boys with their points: Eugene Van Den Kerkhoven, 452 Edward Hancock, 400 Theodore King, 114 Walter Inman, 30 Raymond Chapman, 20 Burton Abbott, 2 Elmer Bean, 1

#### ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Miss May Wiley of Portland was in town, Tuesday.

Mr. E. H. Young was in Berlin on business, Tuesday.

Miss Ola Hutchins is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ralph Perkins, at South Paris.

Mr. Isaiah Coburn is receiving a visit from his daughter, Tena, and her daughter, Lottie, and five children.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wight and son of Milan, N. H., were guests of Dr. and Mrs. I. H. Wight a few days last week.

Deputy Sheriff Harry D. Hasbungs was taken suddenly ill early Wednesday morning with toxemic poison, which rendered his right side helpless. He was apparently well on Tuesday and attended a band rehearsal in the evening. His many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Gehring will meet the members of the Alumni Social Club at her home on Thursday evening, Sept. 2, to arrange plans for the coming year. All Gould's Academy alumni are cordially invited, and all are requested to suggest to Mrs. Gehring the names of young people making Bethel their residence who would enjoy what this Club offers.

"You say you are neutral."  
"Yes."  
"What do you mean?"  
"Well, the neighbor on my left side has chickens and the neighbor on my right has a garden, so I'm neutral."

## WANT COLUMN.

Put your Want and Sale notices here and they will be read in 3,000 Oxford County homes—4 lines, 1 week, 25c. 3 weeks 50c.

### FURNISHED ROOMS, AUTO AND TEAM CONVEYANCE.

C. C. BRYANT, 2 Mechanic St., Bethel, Maine. Telephone Connection.

#### FOR SALE.

My house and stable on Mechanic street. Good place for summer home, nice shade trees and piazza. Near station. For particulars inquire of MARTHA E. BARTLETT, 4-1-1f, Bethel, Maine.

#### AUTOS TO LET.

4-passenger Buick, 20c per mile. 4-passenger Ford, 15c per mile. Also by the day or hour. No parties too large.

KING'S LIVERY STABLE, Bethel, Maine.

WANTED: Remodelling of fur coats at Summer prices. Sewell 1915 models. Repairing and relining all kinds of furs. MURPHY'S, Fur Manufacturer, Cor. Lisbon & Ash Sts., Lewiston, Me. 8-28-1f.

#### NOTICE.

Beginning Saturday, August 21, 1915, the Bethel Savings Bank and the Bethel National Bank will close at 12 o'clock noon instead of at 1 P. M., as heretofore.

#### LADIES' SHAMPOOING

and massaging with up-to-date appliances. Mrs. Brown will make appointments for Tuesday and Thursday evenings at my shop.

HARRY H. BROWN, Bethel, Maine.

Typewriter to let by the week or month. 60c per week, \$2.00 per month. Inquire at CITIZEN OFFICE, Bethel, Maine.

WANTED: Now at Summer prices. Orders for fur garments of all kinds. Special value in Hudson Seal garments made to measure. MURPHY'S, Fur Manufacturers, Cor. Lisbon & Ash Sts., Lewiston, Me. 8-28-1f.

## SHOE REPAIRING

"Mr. G. L. Davee the shoe repairer whom I have engaged to do my shoe repairing when I move into my new shoe store is already set up and doing repairing in my store I now occupy. He is a man of sixteen years experience in this business and we solicit your patronage.

On request all out of town repairing will be returned free of charge.

ELMER H. YOUNG.

### OXFORD COUNTY 4 PER CENT BONDS.

Agreeably to an Act of the Legislature of 1915, the County of Oxford will on Oct. 1, next issue a \$25,000 series of Bonds, to provide for the County's share of the expense of erecting the Rumford Municipal and Court Building.

Denominations, \$100, \$500 and \$1000. Interest, 4 per cent, payable by semi-annual coupons.

Maturity, in 20 years, subject to previous call.

These Bonds are offered at par, and the County Treasurer will receive subscriptions for same in any multiple of One Hundred Dollars until Sept. 20 next. Should the amount be over-subscribed, preference will be given to citizens of Oxford County.

Address: Howard D. Smith, County Treasurer, Norway, Me.

South Paris, August 17, 1915.

GEORGE W. WALKER, WELLINGTON H. EASTMAN, DON A. GATES, County Commissioners.

#### GREENWOOD SCHOOLS.

The Greenwood schools will begin Aug. 30, except the Tubbs school, district No. 4.

HOME AND STORE, Boston, only the year and your ad free; fight department stores.



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#### LOOKE'S MILLS.

Mrs. E. L. Tebbets of Auburn was a week and guest of her son, C. B. Tebbets and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Coolidge and Mrs. E. P. Farrington attended the funeral of Frank Small at Bryant's Pond, Sunday.

Mrs. Elsie Goodwin and son, Gardner, left Wednesday for Prince Edward Island to visit her parents.

Quite a few from here attended the "rotunda" at Bryant's Pond, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melrose Cole of Portland are visiting her sister, Mrs. Clara Brown, and friends, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Swan are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a girl, Sunday.

Mrs. Nina Goodwin is receiving a visit from her sister, Mrs. Moran and daughter, from New York.

Miss Herriek of Bryant's Pond visited with Elsie Loke, Sunday.

Leslie Davis of Portsmouth, N. H., is a guest at Charles Swan's.

What came near being a serious accident occurred last Friday evening on the road from Loke's Mills to H. F. Maxwell's, when an auto owned and driven by Keith Field with five people left the road and turned turtle over a sea that had been a potato patch. The passengers were Albert Swan of Bethel, from Newell of Loke's Mills and Mrs. John and Mrs. John of West.

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## BETHEL AND VICINITY.

Mr. L. A. Hall was in Berlin, Sunday.

Mr. J. L. Finney of Norway was in town, Monday.

Mr. E. C. Park was in Berlin one day last week.

W. B. Baker spent Sunday with his mother at Songo.

Mrs. H. M. Farwell went to Boston, Thursday, to visit relatives.

Mrs. W. A. Bunting and family returned to Yarmouth, Saturday.

Mr. John Philbrook was in Brighton on business the first of the week.

Miss Muriel Park is a guest of Miss Theresa Metcalf at Farmington, Me.

Miss E. K. Chapman of Minneapolis, Minn., was a guest of friends in town, Friday.

Mr. George French of Mechanic Falls was a business visitor in town one day last week.

Mrs. Everett Smith and Mrs. Fred Taylor visited at Seth Mason's at West Bethel, Friday.

Miss Elberta Stearns is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Newton Stearns, at Northwest Bethel.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. A. F. Copeland, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton and two children of Andover were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fox.

Miss Clara Howe and Mr. Arthur Howe of Meadford, Mass., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Park.

Mr. N. R. Springer and family and Mrs. Abner Tyler motored to Bolter's Mills one day last week.

Mrs. Emma and Glenner Rabbideau of Milan, N. H., were guests of their son, Mrs. E. L. Arno, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Yates and daughter, Annie, of Milan, N. H., were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Burke.

The annual mid-summer sale and supper of the Ladies' Club last Thursday was very successful, financially and socially.

Rev. T. C. Chapman with his crowd of Boy Scouts started on a hike for Ketchikan, Monday, where they will spend a week in camp.

Mrs. F. P. Chandler and daughter spent Sunday in Bethel. Mrs. Chandler will spend a few days with her parents before returning to Auburn.

Nettie, the 5 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Channing Grover, who was seriously injured last Tuesday by being kicked by a horse, is slowly recovering.

Mrs. Eleanor and Evelyn Colby, who have been spending several weeks with their aunt, Miss L. M. Stearns, returned to their home in Lawrence, Mass., last Thursday.

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HEART TO HEART TALKS.  
By Blauda E. Goodwill.

I read somewhere, not long ago, that "most parents are selfish." "How can anyone think such a thing? Why? A mother is the most self-sacrificing person on earth!"

We think, oftentimes, that because a mother tires herself out, and sacrifices her own health and strength for the comfort and pleasure of her children, she is unselfish. But, don't you see, right here is the secret of her selfishness: She enjoys doing it, and I must confess to you, that the more I think about it, the more I find I must agree to a certain extent, and with reservations, with the writer I quoted at first.

## The Easy Way.

How many young mothers do you think, ever think of, and plan for, the future good and comfort of the child; when present convenience and pleasure seem to demand the allowance of certain indulgences? Yet is it not a fact, that the "easier way," which many mothers allow themselves to fall into, "to save making a fuss" is often yes, usually, a selfish way?

"You are making trouble for both yourself and your child," said I to a young mother who was walking back and forth through the rooms, at an afternoon affair, carrying her month-old baby in her arms.

"He will be fussy if I don't, and I cannot bear to hear a child fuss."

"But, my dear," I insisted, "the time will come when you cannot pick him up and carry him about every time he whimpers; better teach him now, while he is young, not to expect some one to amuse him, and he will lie quietly by himself."

"Oh! I love to tend him; I cannot bear to neglect him."

"You will tire yourself out carrying him so much; so you will not be able to care for him as you would like later on, for he will demand more and more time goes on." "I like to be tired doing for my baby," a mother does not mind suffering for the pleasure of her child." And so it goes. In a few months (or years at most) a broken-down mother will be unable to give her husband and children the comfort of a pleasant home; and all must suffer for her useless sacrifice of strength. Baby is often accused of being "so fussy" when he simply demands the attention his mother taught him to expect.

Had that mother been educated to the best interests of her child, and his future good, she would willingly have denied herself the present pleasure of devoting herself to him; when he was really better off if left alone.

I once boarded in a home where there was a dear little girl of three years—an only child. The physician, who was called in during one of her

frequent sick spells, told the parents that "she must on no account have candy or sweets."

He would not answer for the consequences if she did. Of course, Marie, who had always had every wish granted, cried for candy, and of course her parents could not endure that, so they very unselfishly (?) stopped her tears by giving her some chocolate creams. They gave her what was poison to her system, because it hurt them to refuse her desires. Authorities agree that the use of pacifiers of any kind are injurious; if mothers would read they would know them to be a cause of disease, yet unselfish mothers will use them to quiet their children for the present moment, regardless of future evils.

Mothers who pride themselves on being neat, will tie bread and sugar up in an old rag; dip it in milk, suck on it a little to "start it going," and slip it in the mouth of the helpless child, who greedily sucks at it until it falls to the floor. A fretful cry warns the mother, and she rushes to the rescue; picking up the "sugar tit," she gives it a hasty wipe on her apron, and returns it, with the various additions, which it must have gathered, to the baby's mouth.

Is it a pleasant picture? Yet I have seen it done just as I have told it to you. I trust none of you were so cruel as to inflict either a homemade "sugar tit" or any kind of a pacifier on your baby. Of course, I know, if you did, you meant to be kind, but sometimes mistaken kindness is the worst cruelty. If a well child is kept warm and dry, and is well fed at regular intervals, there will be no need of any pacifiers or soothing syrups, or of some one to trot him, or walk the floor with him.

Unless a baby is sick, or spoiled, he will amuse himself when awake, and go off to sleep when tired. I know mine did and my children had a town-wide reputation for good nature, and good health as well. They seldom cried, and when they did I knew there "was a reason," and so searched until I found it.

Of course it takes patience at first to train a baby right, but it pays, every time. Do you know what we mean by patience? I once heard a sermon on "Job and his patience." The preacher said "for patience read it this way, 'Stick-to-it-iveness,'" so I say if any mother will formulate rules for her baby to follow, and then will "stick to them," her child will be a blessing to all. A good baby is always liked, but a spoiled child is looked upon as a nuisance by all who come in contact with it, even though people are too polite to express their honest opinions.

## MAINE HOME HELPS.

Parsley will keep fresh for a week if it is kept in a tightly covered glass jar in a cool place.

To prevent milk curdling add a liberal pinch of carbonate of soda to each quart before putting it on to boil.

Keep a lump of camphor in the drawer or closet where silver is kept; it is a material aid in preventing tarnish.

To remove the odor from the hands after peeling or cleaning onions, rub well with baking soda, then rinse. The same treatment will do for the knife used in peeling onions.

Alcohol is the best thing to remove the grass stains on white dresses. Rub the stain with it until it seems to be thoroughly loosened; then wash in warm suds in the usual way.

When preparing vegetables or doing anything that means crumbs on the kitchen table, it often saves trouble to do the work on a newspaper, folding up the paper when one is through.

When cooking apple sauce, dried fruit or any kind of fruit, do not add the sugar until the fruit is cool and it will not require more than half or two thirds of the usual amount of sugar used to sweeten the fruit.

A housewife who was puzzled to know how she could put fruit in the refrigerator and not have it seep the butter and milk by the side of it caught the idea of emptying out the baskets into glass cans and putting on the tops. To prevent cheese from getting hard, cut a small piece off for present use and place the remainder in cool place. Spread a thin film of butter over the cut part and cover with a clean cloth. This will prevent that hard, cracked condition which ruins the best of cheese.

Good table napkins for summer use suitable for the lunch basket or for the cottage may be made of white cotton crepe costing 17 cents a yard. They should be cut 18 inches square and simply fringed on the edge about a third of an inch. They do not require oversteaming, as the fringed thread prevents unraveling.

## OF LITTLE AVAIL.

"My dear, what's the use of marking a letter 'In haste'?"

"Why shouldn't I?"

"You know human nature. If I were a postal clerk that letter would be the last to go out."

## AN ERROR IN TACTICS.

"I didn't think Ralph would marry."

"Neither did he; he thought himself immune."

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## BOTTLING MILK HOT.

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That the process of pasteurizing milk in bulk and then bottling it while hot in hot steam heated bottles produces satisfactory bacterial reductions as pasteurizing the milk in bottles is one of the conclusions of a recent investigation which the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., has conducted on this subject. The investigators found that the new process eliminated the danger of bottle infection and had the further advantage of saving the loss in milk caused by evaporation over the cooler and of allowing the use of ordinary cardboard caps.

Satisfactory bacterial reductions, it was found, were obtained when the milk was pasteurized in bottles, holding it at a temperature of 145 degrees for 30 minutes. It was also found, however, that there was a great difference in the temperature of the milk at the top of the bottle and at the bottom. If milk at 50 degrees F. is put into bottles surrounded by water at 145 degrees F. the milk in the top of the bottle will reach 130 degrees about 6 minutes before that in the bottom. It is desirable, therefore, to have a thermometer in one bottle with the bulk about one-half inch from the bottom.

The bottles used in this process should also be steamed for at least 10 minutes before being filled with milk in order to destroy organisms which might be able to survive the pasteurizing temperature.

The great disadvantage in this process of pasteurizing in bottles is said to be the danger that bottles with chipped or otherwise imperfect tops may permit of leaks while the milk is being heated and cooled under water. Such leaks may cause dangerous infection, as the water may easily be contaminated. In a report of the investigation published as a professional paper (No. 214) of the department a test, with barium chloride to determine whether or not the cap is perfectly watertight is described. The necessity of water-tight caps, however, is done away with when the milk is pasteurized in bulk and bottled when still hot. The laboratory experiments conducted by the investigators indicate that milk bottled in this way may be capped with ordinary cardboard caps and cooled by a blast of cold air. If the temperature is reduced from 145 degrees to 50 degrees F. within 3 hours, it is probable that no more bacterial increase will take place than if it is cooled immediately. Future experiments, it is stated, however, will be necessary to determine whether this will hold true under commercial conditions.

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## CANTON

Mrs. C. O. Holt of Lewiston is a guest of her sister and brothers in Canton.

Mrs. Susie Cole has been in Rumford a few days at the home of Mr. Pettengill.

Dana Yates has purchased an auto. The Misses Marion and Florence Carver of Winthrop are guests of their aunt, Mrs. E. O. Proctor.

Miss Etta Howland of Boston has been a guest of Mrs. W. E. Dresser. Mrs. Celestia Humphrey and Mrs. Jane Bottinson have returned to their home at Dorchester, Mass.

Ervin York and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hall, Ben Twitchell and Mrs. Ada Chamberlain went to South Paris, Thursday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Cyrus Twitchell.

Harold Gilbert has been ill the past week.

Mrs. F. M. Oliver and Miss Marion Tyler have been enjoying an outing at Ocean Park.

Wm. Hayden has accepted a position as principal of the McDonald School at Rumford, which commences Aug. 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Gammon and young daughter of Boston have been guests of his uncles, C. B. Gammon and J. L. Gammon and wife. Mr. Gammon is principal of the Lincoln School at So. Boston and has 1270 boys under his charge.

Mrs. O. M. Richardson is ill at Pine-wood camp and Miss Clara Barrows is caring for her.

Rev. and Mrs. Chas. L. Snow of Hopkinton, N. H., are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Jones and family.

John Marston has purchased an auto and is building a garage.

Leo W. Blaisdell has returned from a delightful trip to the Pacific coast and has been in town a few days.

Byron G. Walte of the Point is quite ill.

Mrs. Chas. Small has been visiting her father in Eastia.

Mrs. W. E. Hutchinson, Miss Ethel Hutchinson, Mrs. Hazel Bassett and Woodbury Hutchinson, with Edgar Stevens chauffeur, have been on a delightful trip to the White Mountains. While there they had the pleasure of attending the meetings held by Dr. Wm. Gentry, an eminent man of Chicago.

Mrs. Scott Doten of Lincoln, Mass., is visiting in this vicinity.

Miss Sybil Hutchinson has been visiting in Portland.

Miss Ethel Russell will teach in Auburn again this year.

Capt. Lewis C. Blasco of Minneapolis, Minn., has been a guest of relatives in town.

Allice Carl has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Irene Stetson, at So. Sumner.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Johnson recently visited at Kennebec.

Rev. A. P. Coffey and family of Long Island are visiting at the home of D. A. Corlies of Hartford.

Uncle Hardy and family have been visiting in Wilton.

Maudie Hathaway and children and Mrs. Mattie Williams have been visiting relatives in Waterville and East Fitchfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Stanley of Dryden are guests of C. C. Rowe and family.

Dana Sanders and children of Detroit, Mich., are guests of his sisters, Mrs. Martha Colman, of Livermore, and Mrs. A. P. Busch, of Canton.

Mrs. Edna Briggs has taken rooms in the Wright house and has moved her goods from Livermore.

Mrs. Philora Stout has been called away by the death of her sister.

Monroe Peabody of Dixfield and Samuel Peabody of Burlington, Iowa, spent a day in town last week, calling on all friends. Mr. Peabody is 81 years of age and came East alone to visit the scenes of his childhood home. Many years have elapsed since he was in Maine.

Rev. William Pratt will occupy the pulpit at the Universalist Church, Sept. 6th.

Katherine Hollis is assisting at Pine-wood camp.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Forhan, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wadlin and Miss Seavey attended the fete of the Methodist Church at Rumford Center, Tuesday of last week.

Rev. E. M. Swift of East Hibernia has accepted a call to the pastorate of the United Baptist Church and will commence his labors Sept. 12th.

Howard Hansen and wife of North Turner have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Towle.

Mrs. Marguerite Hollis has returned from a visit in No. Abington and Revere, Mass.

A. J. Foster was called to Massachusetts last week by the death of a relative, Frank N. Churchill.

Mrs. Lizzie Hutchins of Portland has been a guest of her father, Robert Sweet, and other relatives in town.

Fred Freeman of Boston is a guest of his sister, Mrs. Leon Salley and family.

Mrs. Leon Osborn of Sanford has been a guest at the home of Stephen

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Aug. 31-Sept. 3—Houlton.  
Aug. 31-Sept. 2—Princeton Agricultural Co., Princeton.  
Aug. 31-Sept. 3—Central Maine, Waterville.  
Sept. 4-6—Cumberland County, Gorham.  
Sept. 6-9—Maine State, Lewiston.  
Sept. 7-9—Waldo and Penobscot, Monroeville.  
Sept. 7-9—Northern Maine, Presque Isle.  
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Sept. 7-9—North Penobscot, Springfield.  
Sept. 9-11—Somerset County, Skowhegan.  
Sept. 14-16—Oxford County, South Paris.  
Sept. 14-15—Unity Park Association, Unity.  
Sept. 14-16—Cherryfield.  
Sept. 14-16—So. Kennebec Agricultural Fair, South Winslow.  
Sept. 21-23—Canton.  
Sept. 21-23—Bristol.  
Sept. 21-23—Machias.  
Sept. 21-23—Phillips.  
Sept. 21-23—Union.  
Sept. 22-23—Cumberland Farmers' Club, West Cumberland.  
Sept. 23—Richmond Farmers' Club, Richmond.  
Sept. 23-29—Lincoln County, Damascus.  
Sept. 23-29—Exeter.  
Sept. 23-29—Franklin County, Farmington.  
Sept. 29-30—Anchorage.  
Oct. 5-7—Fryburg.  
Oct. 5-7—Hartland.  
Oct. 5-7—Shapleigh and Aetna, Aetna.  
Oct. 12-14—Sagadahoc County, Topsham.  
Nov. 16-18—Maine State Pomological, Portland.  
Nov. 20-Dec. 2—York County Poultry Association, Sanford.  
Dec. 2-23—Berwick Poultry Association, Berwick.  
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Jan. 4-6, 1916—Western Maine Poultry Association, South Paris.

## NORTH WATERFORD.

There is to be a Grange picnic at Linwood Flint's next Saturday. Other friends are invited. A prize is offered for the largest family in attendance. Mrs. Mattie Heald, who is on the sick list, is a little better. Mrs. Alphonsus Charles was in Norway, Thursday.

Several from this place attended the Centennial at Bryant's Pond last week. They report a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brownell have been stopping at their camp at Fapoose Pond.

Mrs. Emily Paige is with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Haseltin.

## SONGO POND.

Miss Beatrice Brown of Rumford is spending a few weeks vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Ed McPhee. Mrs. Tom Logan and baby of West Bethel spent a few days at her father's, Hesseo Emery's, last week. Mrs. Mae Kimball of Portland, who has been visiting with her friend, Mrs. Abner Kimball, for the past few weeks, has gone to spend a few days at Leask Kimball's.

Mrs. Emma Tripp is visiting with Mrs. B. E. Kimball. Mr. George Barrie with his friend, Miss Anie Chisholm of Truro, N. S., is visiting with his sister, Mrs. Abner Kimball.

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## INEFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT.

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mental principles upon which the republic rests. They propose to enter upon a plan of confiscation of private rights, and then destruction of individual initiative and the fruits it has gathered. Their remedies answer to the names of Government Ownership and Socialism.

The author presents his views as those of an unprejudiced newspaper writer, who has been at the scene of action in Washington for several years. In relating facts and suggesting conclusions, he has had in mind two objects. One of these is the hope of performing a small part in improving public efficiency, and the other is to draw a clear line between the wisdom of government control and the fallacy of public ownership and management.

### CHAPTER I.

Of the Capitol City it may be remarked that when the Father of His Country picked out Washington, he alone evidently foresaw the greatness that was to come to the city. Here is a convenient corner geographically located the majestic seat of government. The politics of a nation are given full sway in a city that has few excellent trade centers; here no chimneys belch forth the smoke of factories, and sprinkle their soot upon the marble palaces of the nation. For Washington is distinctly Uncle Sam's office—and little else besides.

There is no American city with such wide streets and avenues. Here are beautiful lanes of arched elms, and streets above which the silver maples meet to shut out the noonday sun. Likewise we find double rows of American lindens, horse chestnuts, or sugar maples stretching along the curbs of the best avenues, forming canopyed sidewalks. It is a city of trees, all shade, all quiet, all comfort. The eyes are made to rest and all emblematic trees of a country of varied climate prosper in Washington. Who is not proud of their Washington? Imagine its grandeur as seen by the new Representative or Senator, when he first arrives with his family, buoyed up with hope and expectation that he is to be a part of the physical and mental action of the nation of which Washington is merely the power house.

The duties of this class of men particularly to the legislative work of the government. The American people find plenty of accomplishments credited to their statesmen and their government to arouse their pride and satisfy their patriotism.

In the analysis of government the fact should be kept in mind that the Federal Constitution nowhere contemplates that the United States shall become a merchant, manufacturer or tradesman. It does provide, however, the distinct relations of the different branches of government to one another, and defines the rights of the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary. Government should keep hand in hand with the progress of the people, and a sensible control of public affairs will go a long way toward forwarding progress.

It is with great pride that citizens of this country point to the achievements at Panama, but it should be kept in mind that had President Roosevelt been lacking in determination and the ability to force ahead, the results would never have been attained. In a matter of far greater importance we should not forget that Franklin saw his life and look lightning from the skies, but it was a long time before he considered the skeptical government.

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that there was any value to this discovery.

To the credit of the government it may be said that it actually offered a prize to the man who would complete the first flying machine; but even in this instance the Wright brothers could not have succeeded had they not first received private aid. In earlier days there were no prizes and no friendly aid offered Robert Fulton, who conceived the idea of a steamboat; and the story of the phonograph is one of rebuffs to American inventive genius. The United States government has shown commendable zeal for the affairs of agriculture. The Department of Agriculture is spending approximately thirty million dollars a year, but it is no disparagement to say that Burbank and other orchardists and horticulturists are accomplishing as much in private enterprise as the government does with this great outlay.

The private ownership of railroads has worked out scientific and economical means of transportation, and established the basis whereby rates may be as accurately and definitely gauged as the prices of sugar, coffee, flour, etc. Notwithstanding that this is true, the government in its recently established parcel post system has largely disregarded economic principles of cost, and value of service, and the rates are too cheap in places and too exorbitant in other instances. The same thing may be said regarding the rates in other classifications of mail matter.

While transportation under private control seeks an intelligent basis for rate-making, the government itself, which has done much good in regulating these rates through the Interstate Commerce Commission, appears unable to arrange any systematic and equitable rates for its great transportation plans. One reason for this is that men spend their lives working up to positions as heads of great transportation companies, while the manager of the Post Office Department has been chosen in the majority of instances, during recent years, because he was formerly Chairman of the Republican National Committee. As new Presidents come and go, and as whimsical changes occur in the Cabinet places, the politicians are shifted in and out as Postmaster General.

Nature turned loose the greatest water power of the country at Niagara Falls, but private enterprise developed it. The government has demonstrated some ability along the line of protecting the scenic beauty of great American wonders. Nature has been beautiful everywhere, including poor neglected Alaska, where Uncle Sam has compelled the pioneers to survey their own homesteads, just as they formerly did in the United States. In the fascinating stories of early development, who has not been charmed in reading of the Hudson Bay Company, the French traders, and Pierre Marquette, who were among those who made our original maps and charts, as did Theodore Roosevelt, who went ahead of the Brazilian government into unknown parts of South America. Buffalo Jones relates most entertainingly how the government permitted him to shoot thousands of buffaloes on the western prairie, but when the last of the herd appeared, he hesitated and helped to save them, thus becoming a conservationist in animal life before Uncle Sam had undertaken such a thing. Plainly it has been the duty of the government to protect its animal and bird life, but usually it has failed to check the wanton destruction that has followed man's wonderful inventive genius in arranging traps, guns, powder and ammunition. The government recognized many of these devices and turned them into instruments of warfare.

Queen Isabella came very nearly losing an original discovery, since it is claimed that she provided Christopher Columbus with the proceeds obtained from the pledge of her jewels. In this she contained the great modern representatives of government, who have left the exploration of later days to the enterprise of private individuals. No man would have expected the government to monopolize the gold discovered in California in '49, or silver recently in Alaska. Neither was it expected of Uncle Sam that he would take over the anthracite coal fields, for these fields belonged to the men who made their development possible. The pioneers who carved their paths across continents and over mountain passes, beat as wandering from Mother Earth her rich minerals, were rightfully entitled to receive the fruits of their industry and hardships. From these things is the source of the "art of conservation" of the present day and the

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vanishment in printing and publishing has been effected through private individuals. This question may be properly asked: Is there any more reason why the government should take over railroads than the printing plants, since newspapers may be logically classified in what the Post Office Department designates "means of communication?"

The government has its patent laws, and under their protection the sewing machine needle netted its manufacturer millions of dollars. The Edison X-ray, electric magnetism, and the self-binding reaper created great fortunes because of the protection given by the government. But if the theory of socialist public ownership was carried to its logical conclusion, then the energy and push that men put behind these great inventions would not be stimulated by the hope of reward.

The government has conserved our natural resources so poorly that a sort of nation's trust has been formed in the production of radium. Plainly it is the duty of the government to prevent becoming a party to world wide monopolies, and in such instances no one will deny the right of the government, or challenge the justice of taking physical control over such a rare and valuable mineral, if thereby humanity may be better served.

Although the government has machinery which reaches to the ends of the country and to the extremes of the world, it never could have brought to success an institution like the Associated Press. The Associated Press sells its franchises, and had it not been able to do this very thing, it never could have reached the great pinnacle to which it has attained. The right of this enterprise to arbitrarily choose its customers has recently been brought into question. The proposition that the government should step in and open its service to all alike, ought to be seriously considered as a legitimate function of government control. "Government ownership" when tried and trusted has proven a fallacious doctrine. The history of all governments is that while it may excel in acts of war and destruction, individual achievements are responsible for the great institutions or enterprises that have marked the progress of the world. When the government wrests from private ownership the great institutions that have been built up by private enterprise and capital, then these institutions will begin to retrograde and perform a less effective service for the people.

The Socialists in their platform of

## NO PATROLS ON HIGHWAYS THIS SEASON.

Another Road Law Is Little Followed—and Is Held Open.

According to the members of the State Highway commission, there will probably be no patrols kept on the roads of the State this year, raking the stones out and looking after the condition of the thoroughfares. This information is contained in a letter just received by the county commissioners. It is a forerunner, such as has been sent to commissioners and selectmen throughout the State.

In this communication, the members of the highway commission say that chapter 272 of the public laws passed at the last session of the Legislature will not go into effect this year, but will be held over until next year. This law provides that all towns and villages making a road appropriation should set aside a certain amount of money for a patrol on each mile of road. It is to be the duty of the patrol to keep the road in condition. As most of the towns made their appropriations before the law went into effect, or even was passed, the highway commissioners point out that they have no more available funds for the purpose, so the operation of the law will be held over until another year.

Chapter 177 of the public laws of the last session calls upon the town to set aside five per cent of their appropriations for roads and bridges to be used in clearing trees, shrubs and other growing matter, except shade and ornamental trees, from the road lines. The highway commissioners ask that this law be enforced as far as possible, but if there are no funds available for the purpose, then to bear in mind for 1916 and see that it is enforced.

The members of the highway commission in their letter answer a question that has been asked them in regard to the use of a road machine after the 10th of August. They say there should be no machine employed on the roads after this date, except in the case of emergency, such as the great storm of July 8 and 9. They further say that a split log drag or a two-horse grader will be found of great use in improving the roads.

That the placing of obstructions in drains should be stopped is another point made by the commissioners. They say that if this practice is done away with, there will be less danger of washouts on the roads in case of heavy rains. The municipal authorities of towns are urged to take this matter up and see that the drains are kept clear.

## FOREST PLANTING.

John M. Briscoe, Professor of Forestry.

"Forest products should be looked upon as a crop, just as any other farm product," said Professor Briscoe in his talk on Forest Planting at the University of Maine. "The cost of establishing for forest crops is really much less per acre than for most agricultural crops, and certain classes of land are better suited to the growing of trees than to any other crop of equal market value."

He went on to say that the time is now here when it will pay the farmer to plant trees, particularly pine and poplar, and the fact that willows grown on a short rotation for the production of small wickets for basket and furniture making, when handled properly will give very good returns.

The planting of young seedlings or transplants was strongly advised in preference to direct sowing of seed on the area to be planted, and the advantages of this method were clearly brought out.

The preparation of the site and the best time for planting were described in detail. For White Pine, a uniform spacing of six feet apart was recommended. This will require 1012 trees to the acre. The advantages of having the new stand uniformly spaced and evenly distributed over the area from the start was emphasized, also the importance of digging the holes large enough and deep enough to accommodate the roots of the young plants without bending or cramping. Two other important points in regard to the planting operation were mentioned; the setting of the plant straight and upright and the firming of the earth down well about the roots.

The fact that the State desires to encourage forest planting is shown by several statutes now in the laws of Maine. One of these provides that where land is planted to forest trees, it may under certain stipulations and restrictions be released from taxation, for a period of twenty years. Another provides prices of bounties the first to be awarded in 1920 and every eighteen years thereafter for the best areas of forest growth in the State.

With these inducements to the prospective forest grower, it seems that there should be a decided increase in the acreage of land, particularly in the farming districts, that will be set out to trees within the next decade.

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## RUMFORD

At a special meeting of Falls Village Corporation day evening to see if the corporation would vote to incorporate with the town of Rumford and Mexico B. James B. Stevenson was elected. The following motion "shall the act to incorporate Rumford and Mexico B. be accepted?" Whole number 25; yes, 3, no 20; one vote question was voted on Monday evening 11th in that town of no, 124.

A most successful was held at the R. B. St. on Knox street on Monday under the auspices of the Universalist church. By most attractive, being a true "Pop Style," and as a great success. Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Forest avenue are receiving invitations upon the birth of a pound boy, which arrived last.

Miss Jennie Norman, McKenzie Mercantile Co. of the week for a trip to Island.

Mrs. Theodore Hawley card party of five tables room last at the Sunflower Room at Hanover. The by automobile and were welcome by the hostess. Mrs. Harry C. was the entertainment noon, and Mrs. Harry C. guest with the leading received a lovely set of glass tray, while Mrs. George E. out on the greatest number was presented with a private. The afternoon luncheon affair attractively served of strawberry and coffee individual cakes with frostings, also chocolate home made candies and Mrs. Harris L. Elliott Olive, left on Saturday at Abington, Mass., where the guests for a two Mrs. Elliott's parents, S. G. Wynant, her sister, field, and her brother, M. man, all of that town.

Miss Judith Thomas was last week the guest of Miss Louise Strassburg who has been making a town the guest of her Saturday last for her. Miss Strassburg is a stenographic position with in New York.

Mr. Frank A. Martin, Putnam, and Elina Jacobson a week in camp at Felling one of the Jeff Thoms.

Mr. Leon Parsons and Mrs. Mary Parsons, left Portland and Boston for Mrs. Preston S. Lowe house on Lincoln avenue son, Frank, will soon 1 Minot to make her future Frank Lowe has bought in that town, and will future business.

Mrs. Fred H. Atwood, Bartlett and Charles E. been on the sick list this Miss Lena Felt, stenographer, who has been of several months returned on Monday to duties once again. Mr. applying in the office of the absence of Mr. Mr. Newhall Tukey of the guest of his Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Burd.

Alma Carrier is enjoying vacation from her duties Globe Co., and is spending Berlin, N. H.

Miss Annie Burnside week with friends at Beach.

Kenneth Wright, who

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**NEW RULES FOR SERUMS.**  
Proposed Federal Regulations Govern-  
ing Manufacture of Virus, Serum,  
Toxin, etc., Announced.

New regulations governing the  
manufacture and sale of biological  
serum and vaccine products issued  
by the U. S. Department of Agriculture  
in order to protect the farmer from  
the sale of counterfeit or contaminated  
serum, vaccine, etc., these pro-  
posed regulations are similar in some  
important respects to those now in  
force.

The act of 1913 makes it a misde-  
meanor to ship in interstate commerce  
any serum, vaccine, toxin, or analogous  
product intended for use on domestic  
animals, which has not been manufac-  
tured in an establishment holding a  
valid license, and importers of  
foreign products are required to secure  
a permit. The Secretary of Agriculture  
is charged with the enforcement of this  
act, and has the power to promulgate  
such regulations as, in his opinion, are  
necessary to prevent the shipment of  
counterfeit or contaminated products.

One of the most important features of  
this trade is in biological serum, but  
quantities of vaccine for  
feeding purposes to horses, tuberculosis  
for testing cattle for tuberculosis, vac-  
cine for black leg, and other prepara-  
tions are now being manufactured in  
the United States and offered for im-  
portation into this country. It is im-  
possible for the purchaser or user of  
such products to determine for him-  
self whether or not they are pure and  
up to standard, and the official inspec-  
tion service as a protection against  
fraud or carelessness. For this reason  
the new proposed regulations have  
been amplified and strengthened in  
several respects.

## POEMS WORTH READING

### THE PSALM OF LIFE.

With apologies to Longfellow, by an  
Unknown.

Tell me not in mournful numbers  
Advertising is a dream,  
For the business man who slumbers  
Has no chance to skin the cream.

Life is real! Life is earnest!  
Competition's something fierce,  
If for dividends thou yearnest,  
Learn the parry, thrust and pierce.  
In the business field of battle,  
Mollycoddies have no place;  
He not like dumb, driven cattle—  
Be a live one in the race.

Lives of great men all remind us  
We can bring the bacon home,  
And, departing leave behind us  
Footprints on another's dome.

Let us then be up and doing,  
Otherwise we may be doing,  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Advent'ring and get the "moon!"

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### THE BABY.

He's just a little, helpless mite,  
Whose tender, trusting smile  
And coo of rapturous delight  
Are innocent of guile.  
Too frail as yet to walk alone,  
His little tongue untought  
To make his baby wishes known  
Or tell his faintest thought.

But pluck him from the collar floor  
Where eager and alert  
He sneers his little person o'er  
With foot and grime and dirt,  
And for what seems an hour or two  
The imp will hold his breath  
Until his face is fairly blue  
And you're half scared to death!

So soft and flower-like he seems,  
So gentle and so mild,  
A thing of fairy-woven dreams,  
A weak, defenceless child,  
No will to gain his heart's desire,  
All wisdom yet to learn.  
The feeble, newly kindled fire  
As yet can barely burn.

But try to take away the shere  
Which he so firmly grips  
The while the yowling kitten's ears  
He joyously he claps.  
A certain firmness he'll reveal;  
For on the rug he'll drop  
And stiffen like a frozen rod,  
And scream until you stop!

### "WHEN THE MINISTER COMES TO TEA."

Oh, they've swept the parlor carpet,  
and they've dusted every chair,  
And they've got the tithes baggin'  
just exactly on the square,  
And the wain's set's fixed up lovely,  
and the sofa has all been bent,  
And the pantry's brimmin' over with  
the belly things to eat.

He's got her Sunday dress on, and  
she's fringed up her kangs,  
Ma's got on her best alpacas, and  
she's makin' how it kangs:  
Pa has shoed on slick on can be, and  
I'm rigged way up in tie,  
And it's all because we're goin' ter  
have the minister to tea.

Oh, the table's fixed up gaudy with  
the gilt-edged chiny set,  
And we'll use the silver teapot and  
the company spoons, you bet.  
And we're goin' to have some fruit  
cake and some minceberry jam,  
And "silly biscuits," and some dough-  
nuts, and some chicken, and some  
ham.

Ma, she'll "polterize like fury and say  
everything is bad,  
And "silly awful lack with rockin'"  
she is sure she never had.  
But, or course, she's only bluffin', for  
it's no prime as it can be.  
And she's only talkin' that way 'cause  
the minister's ter tea.

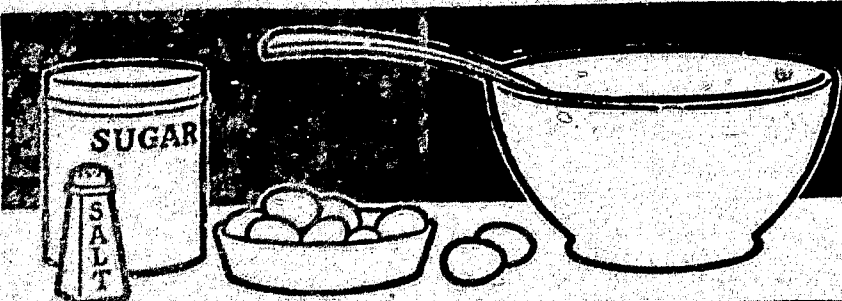
Everybody'll be a minin' and no good  
as ever was,  
He won't grand about the ethics, like  
he generally does,  
And he'll ask me what I like capital  
piece of jam hat, shod!

That, or course, is only manners, and  
I'm s'posed to answer "No."  
He'll talk about the church work and  
about the Sunday school,  
Ma'll tell how she liked the sermon  
that was on the tithing role,  
And if I object my tumbler they won't  
say a word for me—

Yes, a boy can eat in comfort with the  
minister ter tea!

Say! a minister, you'd reckon, never'd  
say what wasn't true,  
But that isn't so with mine, and I can  
just prove it, too.

"Cuss when she plays on the organ so  
it makes yer want to die,  
Why, he sets an' says it's lovely, and  
that cuss ter me a lie.  
But I like him all the sarny, and I can



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Only think of havin' goodies every ev-  
en'! Jimmined!

And I'd never get a scolding with the  
minister ter tea!  
By Phoebe Cary.  
If you're told to do a thing,  
And mean to do it really,  
Never let it be by halves,  
Do it fully, freely!

Do not make a poor excuse,  
Waiting, weak, undecided;  
All obedience worth the name,  
Must be prompt and ready.

When father calls, though pleasant be  
The play you are pursuing,  
Do not say, "I'll come when I  
Have finished what I'm doing."

When 'tis said, "You've eat enough,"  
Don't reply, "O, mother!  
Let me have just one cake more.  
I won't ask another!"

Something waits, and you should now  
Begin and go right through it;  
Don't think, if put off a day,  
You'll not mind to do it.

note not moments, nor your words,  
In telling what you could do  
Some other time; the present is  
For doing what you should do.

Don't do right unwillingly,  
And stop to plan and measure;  
The working with the heart and soul  
That makes our duty pleasure.

### THE LAND OF BY-AND-BY.

There is a land, as I've heard tell,  
where nothing's ever done; the people  
who therein do dwell, so work but  
get beguiled. "Tomorrow" is the watch-  
word there, and "Pater noster" is the  
prayer—the name of this unpleasant land  
is the Land of By-and-BY.

Permeation there to things he  
enter with a high back, but makes no  
use of anything to benefit the land.  
The houses there are never finished—  
no use to question why; the chairs are  
left unfinished in the Land of By-and-  
BY.

And if you put things off and say  
you'll do them pretty soon, and shirk  
your tasks from day to day, perhaps  
some afternoon, they'll take you off  
to this bad land—no friend will be-  
lieve you—and there in no Tomorrow  
is the Land of By-and-BY.

### DO TRIFLES ANNOY?

What a blessed thing it is that we  
can forget! Today's troubles look  
large, but a week hence they will be  
forgotten, and buried out of sight.  
I can write: "If you would keep  
a book and daily put down the things  
that worry you, and are what because  
of them it would benefit you. You at-  
tend a thing to annoy you just as you  
follow a fly to settle on you and plague  
you, and you feel your temper, and  
can justify yourself by being the wiser  
of your balance by excuse which  
you do not trace out. But if you  
could see what it was that three  
you off your balance before break-  
fast, and put it down in a little  
book, and follow it up and follow it  
out, and ascertain what because of it  
you would see what a fool you were in  
the matter." The art of forgetting  
is a blessed art, but the art of over-  
looking is quite as important. And if  
we should take time to write down the  
origin, progress and outcome of a few  
of our troubles, it would make us so  
ashamed of the fact we make over  
them, that we should be glad to drop  
such things and bury them at once in  
eternal forgetfulness. Life is too short  
to be worn out in petty worries, fret-  
tings, hatreds and vexations.

### THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Continued from page 1.

erly policing the land and the sea will  
be provided in much the same way as  
cities increase their "force" when a  
convention, circus, or a big special  
function comes to town.

The American Peace Society, which  
heretofore has made a straight appeal  
for disarmament, will hold its annual  
convention in San Francisco in October,  
and it has Belgium, Persia and Swiss  
speakers on its program. The Peace  
Society is in accord with the sober  
sense of the country in favoring proper  
preparation and keeping it; but it in-  
sists that new conditions should even-  
tually be evolved that will make world  
disarmament not only possible, but  
practical.

### TYPEWRITERS AND STENO- GRAPHY.

Thirty-five years ago there was not  
a typewriter owned by the United  
States, and it is doubtful whether there  
was a dozen stenographers. Today  
there are approximately 45,000 employ-  
ees in the Departments at Washington,  
and of these fully one third have either  
a typewriter or stenographer's note  
book, or both in front of them. The  
Bureau system of shorthand in its  
various forms, is most generally em-  
ployed, and about sixty per cent of all  
the typewriters supplied are the Un-  
derwood. In some Departments, like  
that of the Navy, scarcely any other  
machine is found. Stenography and  
typewriting have thoroughly revolu-  
tionized the manner of conducting the  
Government business, and it is doubtful  
whether the public business could be  
carried on without these comparatively  
modern acquisitions. Typewriters and  
fair stenographers have utterly dis-  
tinguished the calling of historic state  
clerks, and the museum of the future  
will continue to thrive as at present,  
on displays of the chirography of Wash-  
ington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and others.

The Hancock, Taft and Wilson re-  
public would have found themselves  
surprised if the quill or pen had been  
necessary to carry on the work of the  
Executive office. In that one branch  
of the administration there are scores  
of stenographers and typists. Surely  
the old order changeth, and the ways of  
our distinguished forefathers are pro-  
foundly changed when placed in comparison  
with present day methods.

### COMPUTING RAILROAD SWINDLES

The Interstate Commerce Commission  
announces the latest fraud to the Rock  
Island Railroad under the Reid-Morse  
syndicate at \$2,000,000. The New  
Haven lost was never added up; nor  
has the process been applied to other  
big railroads of the country whose earn-  
ing powers as in the case of the two  
above roads, were made a nest of side  
issue to the stock gamblers who man-  
aged their affairs. But Uncle Sam  
is doing a good piece of work in regu-  
lating these industries—and he was  
right, the men who were some of their  
stock would have become almost as  
voluntarily as Confederate money.

### CHINESE.

The Agricultural Department has  
prepared an exhibit in case the Germans  
should be accused of blowing up Ameri-  
can threshing machines. Several hun-  
dred machines actually exploded dur-  
ing the last threshing season. It has  
been found that the mixture of dust  
and air in the chambers of machines  
was ignited by electric charges, and  
this can be prevented through ground-  
ing the cylinder shafts by running  
wires from a truck contact with the  
shaft to an iron rod driven in moist  
soil.

Schoolmistress—"Well, Freddie,  
dear, what did you learn yesterday?"  
New Boy (after deep thought)—  
"You ought to know—you taught  
me."—London Punch.

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### FOR THEIR NEIGHBORS.

The hardest housekeeping in the  
world is the housekeeping that people  
do for their neighbors. Half the trou-  
bles we have are caused by worrying  
about what people think. What differ-  
ence does it make what they think,  
anyway? No one can live his own  
life and two or three other people's  
lives besides. What's the use of set-  
ting up housekeeping on the roof or  
on the outside walls for the benefit of  
the neighbors? You would rightly be

judged insane if you suggested any-  
thing of the kind, and that is nat-  
urally what half the people do. They  
can't do this because the neighbors  
would talk, and they can't do that be-  
cause the neighbors wonder if they  
could not afford to do something else.  
They may not say it in so many words,  
but they mean it, and it is simply a  
great big vacuum in some of our cur-  
tures where moral courage ought to be  
half the sign of poverty or small  
means is gone when one keeps house  
for himself and not for his neighbors.

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## THE OXFORD

STATE TRAVELING

RIES.

How to Secure a State

Library.

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at the State Library that  
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### STATE TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

How to Secure a State Traveling Library.

It is evident from inquiries received at the State Library that many people in the State are not familiar with the operation of the State Traveling Libraries, and do not know what to do in order to secure the use of one. The law establishing the traveling library system in Maine was adopted by the Legislature of 1899, and at every session since then, an appropriation has been made for the support of these libraries which have been of valuable service in different sections of the State. The last Legislature increased the appropriation to \$25,000, for the extension of the work.

How to Obtain a Library. To secure a traveling library it is only necessary to write to the State Librarian at Augusta and ask for lists of traveling libraries and application blanks. Upon receipt of the requests lists of some of the libraries on hand will be sent from which a library may be chosen; the application blank is filled out and forwarded to the State Librarian together with the fee, and a library will be promptly forwarded to the address given. It is well in selecting a library to name a second choice in case the first should go out before the application was received.

In a town where there is a free public library, the application may be signed by the librarian thereof, and where there is no free public library the application is signed by four or five residents who act as a board of trustees and see that the library is properly taken care of and returned to the season.

Contents of the Traveling Libraries. Each regular traveling library contains 20 volumes of late and standard fiction, six volumes of juvenile, and 15 volumes of history, biography, travel and miscellaneous, new or in good condition, all ready for circulation and accompanied by a simple charging book. The libraries are packed in a convenient case made for the purpose

and are shipped by American express with transportation charges both to and from the place of destination and the only expense is the fee which is \$2.50 for the use of the library of 20 volumes for six months. There are also libraries on special subjects, of 25 volumes each, the fee for which is \$1.25 for six months.

Special Libraries. "Special" libraries are made up containing books upon some one country or subject, for instance, Germany, Russia, Music, etc. There are also juvenile libraries and libraries of 25 and 50 books for the upper Grammar school grades and High schools. Many of the latter are made up on request as near like the lists submitted as possible. These as well as the regular libraries are invaluable in supplementing the work of the public libraries, the schools, educational institutions, literary societies, clubs, etc. No fee is charged for the use of the books in a traveling library, and all fines for over detention go to the trustees having the library in charge.

Rules for the Traveling Library. The following rules for the circulation of the books are sent out with each traveling library.

1. Books lent to a public library may be circulated in accordance with its rules.

2. All books belonging to the Traveling Libraries must be loaned free of charge.

3. The library shall be kept at a convenient place and be open for delivering and returning books at such times as the trustees in charge shall direct.

4. After signing the agreement any resident of the town may draw books as long as he complies with the rules.

Agreement. Being a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby agree as a borrower from the Maine Traveling Libraries, to pay promptly any fines due from me for over-detention of books, or for injuries of any kind, beyond reasonable wear, to any book while it is charged to me.

5. One volume may be drawn by each reader and kept two weeks. No one taking books from the library shall

have the right to transfer the same to any other person. All books shall be returned to the library at the end of the period for which they were loaned before being re-issued.

6. A fine of one cent a day shall be paid for each book kept over time, and any money then received shall be used under direction of trustees for library expenses. No books shall be lent to anyone to whom a book or unpaid fine is charged.

7. Notes, corrections of the press, or marks of any kind on books belonging to the State are unconditionally forbidden and all losses or injuries beyond reasonable wear, however caused, must be promptly adjusted to the satisfaction of the trustees by the person to whom the book is charged.

8. The person in charge of the library shall keep a record of each book taken therefrom, in the book furnished by the State, and return the same with the library.

Importance of Selection in Reading. When sending out a Traveling Library, the State Librarian is anxious to write a personal letter to those in charge, in which he says:

"A recent study of the State Traveling Libraries reveals the fact that the works of travel, biography, nature and general literature are usually neglected, and for the most part, fiction seems to occupy the attention of the readers."

"We do not wish to have the books of fiction read less, but we do desire that the other books should receive more attention. In this connection, a great duty rests upon those of us who have charge of the circulation of these books. Will you use special care in calling the attention of your readers to the books other than fiction? In every case, see to it that the names of those who read the books of the library are recorded in the record book."

"What changes, if any, would you suggest in the books of the traveling library, other than the books of fiction? We will greatly appreciate it if you will write us concerning any of the books in the library and the possibility of inducing the people to read them."

### Making the Little Farm Pay

By C. C. BOWSFIELD



EGGS become so cheap in summer that in order to clear any money poultry owners must have a select trade to sell to, or else hatch chickens and supply the market with broilers and roasters. The broiler trade is attractive, as hotels, restaurants and clubs require an almost unlimited supply of these plump chickens about two months old and weighing two to three pounds. To make money reasonably fast one needs two or more incubators and should keep hens enough so that a machine can be filled in three to five days. There will be a supply of eggs to sell each month, but the bulk of them will go into the production of poultry.

Observe the principles of uniformity, freshness, cleanliness. Eggs for hatching should be clean. If not clean they should be washed in tepid water and carefully dried with a clean soft towel. This washing does not injure the egg, but it must be done quickly and carefully or the jarring of the contents may ruin it for hatching. As fast as the eggs are washed and dried they should be covered with a layer of clean cloth or absorbent cotton to prevent their becoming chilled. It is a good practice to stand the eggs in a cool, quiet place, each with the large end uppermost, for a period of twelve hours before placing for incubation. This balances the yolk in the center and locates the air cell.

Eggs waiting for incubation should be kept at a temperature of about 60 degrees F., although they will stand a variation of temperature from 40 to 100 degrees. They should not be allowed to dry out, nor should they be exposed to a current of cold air, steam or vapor. During storage eggs for incubator use should be turned every day.

Hens kept in unhealthful quarters or too closely confined are not likely to lay eggs that will produce strong, healthy chickens. Hens suffering from disease or infested with vermin may lay, but eggs from such hens will rarely hatch, and even if they do hatch the chicks will not be likely to mature into vigorous or growthy fowls.

Hence in order to secure hatchable eggs the hens must be healthy, have plenty of exercise and be fed upon an assorted or balanced ration. An exclusive corn diet will not make for fertility. Fowls in confinement must have a mixed diet and plenty of ground bone, with meats, cinders or other substances in the line of nitrogenous food. It is wise to aim at uniformity in age, size, color and breed. There is a great deal in selection, and this goes back to the parent stock before the eggs are laid. If the stock is uneven the birds ought to be separated into pens so that the eggs taken for hatching are sure to be fertile and from a good strain of hens.

The best pullets hatched every spring ought to be kept for winter egg production. They will begin laying when prices are high. Pullets will begin laying at five to seven months of age, according to the kind of blood in them. Nearly all the pullets hatched in March will begin laying in October or November, just in time to furnish a supply of eggs when prices are highest. A good plan is to bring pullets along gradually without forcing, and they will be good also at six to seven months. Keep the flock divided and do not let males run with pullets the first year or while the eggs are wanted for market. When wanted for hatching let the males run with them, twelve or fourteen hens for each rooster.

It is obvious that the best results economically come from chickens running at large on the farm. With but little attention they gather the greater part of their food, and it is properly balanced at that.

In order to provide a large grain supply at the least expense a nearby tract of land should be planted in wheat, the chickens being confined until it has come up well to prevent scratching out the seed. When ripe the birds will attack the crop, doing the reaping and thrashing, with no attention winterer on the owner.

Circular and Flat Beds. A charming circular bed can be made from a combination of blue denim and pink gladiolus. The denim is planted in the middle and trained low over the bed on wires about one foot apart and fifteen inches from the ground radiating from the center. The gladiolus grow up through the wires.

A simple and lovely flat bed can be made by sowing a carpet of sweet alyssum, Little Gem, white, and dotting it with Little Queen.

To Preserve Plants. A good method of preserving plants that have been transplanted and before their roots have taken hold of the ground is to cover them with inverted flower pots of suitable size. These should be in place only during the warm and sunniest part of the day. They should not be used on dull days. They prevent the strong sun from scorching the foliage and also help to maintain the moisture in the soil.

### A Dread Of Peace

By F. A. MITCHEL

"Did you get wounded while you were serving in the Cuban-American war?"

"No."

"Not a scratch?"

"Nary scratch."

"Get sick?"

"Not even a stomach ache."

"That's singular. I always supposed in war a man is exposed to great danger."

"So he is, but he's always in danger anyway. It is fate that decides when he gets hit. The biggest danger I ever encountered was so big that the risks I was obliged to take in war seemed nothing to it. I was walking along a road one day in a country so peaceful that there wasn't even a sound of a lonely picket firing at an imaginary enemy."

"Then the first thing I knew I didn't know anything, or, rather, the first thing I knew when I came to myself was to feel a horrible crawling sensation shooting from the back of my head to every part of my body."

"I sat up, then got up. It occurred to me that I had been sandbagged, so I looked in my pocket for two ten dollar bills that had been in my possession."

"They had been in a long pocket-book with some letters and papers. The pocketbook, with everything in it, was gone. I dragged myself as far as I could, then went into a wood beside the road to rest. I was looking for a good place to lie down when I saw a heap of clothing partly covered by leaves. Going to it, I found a dead man."

"I searched for something by which to identify the man and found two ten dollar bills. Satisfied that before he died he had robbed me, I took the bills and put them in my pocket. I had scarcely done so when I saw two men coming toward me. They had simply stumbled on me and the body. I told them what had happened, and after a conference between the two, during which they looked at me suspiciously, they told me they would have to report the matter to the police and I must go with them."

"We went into a town near by, and I told the story to the sergeant at the police station. When I got through he thanked the two men for bringing me in."

"What's your name?" he asked me.

"I told him my name was Daniel Morris and that I had but lately been discharged from the army that took San Juan de Cuba."

"He sent out for the body, and when it was brought in it was searched. My pocketbook was found in it with papers and letters bearing my name."

"What's your game in taking the man's name?" asked the sergeant.

"No game at all. I'm Daniel Morris."

"He looked at me contemptuously, but said nothing. He put me in a cell, however, and that was the end of my liberty for months."

"Well, I wished another war would break out and I could enlist to go where I could stand up and be shot at. I'd had shells burst before me, behind me, beside me and above me, without getting hurt. I'd been in the sweep of Gatling guns. I'd seen 60 per cent of the brigade to which I belonged come down with camp fever or some other disease. And here I was in a peaceful country knocked for murder and robbed, then arrested for murder."

"It ever I got out of this, I said to myself, 'I'm going to a country where there's perpetual war, no matter how barbarous.'"

"The evidence against me was overwhelming. I sent for my captain to identify me, but I'd been blinded for a month in a cell, besides being thin and worried, and when he looked at me he wasn't willing to swear that I was Dan Morris of his company. I'd been caught riding a dead man whose skull I had smashed, whose money I had taken and who for some reason that no one could understand I claimed to be. The consequence was that I was tried, convicted and sentenced to be hanged."

"You can have no idea how I longed for a big battle. Somehow it seemed that if I could hear the bullets and the shells and the b-r-r-r-r of those Gatling guns it would be sweet music and I could shake off the horrible load on me that had come in the midst of peace."

"Instead I was buried in and waiting to be strung up like an army spy. I couldn't even be shot like a deserter."

"My hanging day was pretty near when the lawyer came to my cell to tell me that a letter addressed to Daniel Morris had been found on the person of a man who had been caught burgling."

"When asked how he came by the letter, he said it was taken from a man his pal had robbed. This confession led to his being charged with the murder of the man I had been convicted of killing. They were both concerned in my being robbed, had fought over the plunder, and one had killed the other."

"No, sir; I'll never get over the danger of living in peaceful times. I'm waiting for a war to break out, when I shall enlist and get over this horrible fear."

He is now in hopes that a war will come before he passes the legal age for enlistment.

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### SORES ON HORSES.

Bursatti, or So-called Summer Sores, are Troublesome to Horses—Methods of Treatment.

Many horse owners at this season of the year find that their horses are troubled by sores which resist usual methods of treatment, and which in this respect differ from ordinary wounds. These growths or sores are supposed to be of fungus origin. Their true nature and cause, however, have not been definitely determined. They are especially prevalent in the Southern States, and are called summer sores on account of their persistency and the difficulty with which they are healed during the summer season. As cool weather approaches, healing frequently takes place, but there is always the possibility of the wound breaking out anew with the advent of warm weather. They may appear on any portion of the body, but are especially troublesome when occurring on the lower parts of the limbs or at points where the harness touches.

Frequently the first indication or appearance of the trouble is a small lump resembling a grain of shot beneath the skin. In a few days the skin sloughs off over the spot, leaving a raw surface. This increases in size until in a few weeks there is a raw surface from 1 to several inches in diameter. Commonly there is intense itching, and the animal hits and rubs the parts, aggravating the condition and increasing the size of the sore. The edges of these sores are usually rough in appearance and raised above the surface of the skin. When examined closely they appear like a mass of dark bruised tissue in which is embedded more or less of a yellow, gritty growth.

Numerous methods of treatment have been resorted to in this condition, with varying results, and frequently no improvement is noted until the approach of cold weather. Many cases, however, yield to the following treatment: The wound is thoroughly washed with a surgeon's sterilized curette, or with a clean, disinfected dull knife, after which it is showered with cold water for 10 or 15 minutes. Iodoform is then dusted on and rubbed into the wound by means of a wad of absorbent cotton, and the wound is immediately covered with a layer of collodion. The iodoform and collodion applications are repeated every 24 hours for 15 days or until the sores heal. Either or chloroform may be used in place of iodoform, being poured on cotton and applied to the sore for two minutes before painting it with collodion.

Formalin has been used by injecting it into the tissues. This, however, should be used only by a qualified veterinarian, as its improper use might cause severe sloughing and disastrous results.

Not infrequently a valuable stallion becomes affected, in which case the genital organs may become involved and incapacitate the animal for breeding purposes. In such instances the injection of 75 to 100 grains of salvarsan, or neosalvarsan, into the blood circulation has proved almost a specific. This, however, should be carried out only by a competent veterinarian. It should also be considered that a single injection of this preparation costs from \$15 to \$20, and its use is therefore advisable only for the treatment of valuable animals.

### CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

"Speaking of circumstantial evidence," said a lawyer at the University Club, "George Erskine Hoar used to tell this story:

"A young woman met her husband as he returned from the office and showed unmistakable signs of weeping."

"What's the matter, Ellen?" asked the husband.

"Oh, John," she said, "I dropped my diamond ring off my finger, and I can't find it anywhere."

"Don't worry, Ellen; it's all safe. I found it this morning in my trousers pocket."

The Ambulance Driver—"Why didn't you sound your horn when you saw that man in your way?"

The Musket Genius—"But, officer, the horn was so dreadfully out of tune any one would rather let him hear it."



## WOODSTOCK CENTENNIAL.

Continued from page 1.

And over the chorus of her children's praise,  
While hand meets hand in one warm, heartfelt clasp,  
In memory of other happy days.

For just as brightly do her waters gleam,  
And just as grand and stately is her form;  
No deeply furrowed wrinkles in her face  
Proclaim the ravage of the winter's storm.

Her placid lakes rest gently as before,  
She boasts the same old hills and stately trees;  
The waters hasten onward towards their goal  
To pour their torrents into far off seas.

Her mountains, guardians of our grand old town,  
Look proudly down upon her children fair;  
The winds that sigh along the mountain-side  
Bring old-time friends a welcome, sweet and rare.

Our busy little village, Bryant Pond,  
Can boast of fertile lands and thriving farms;  
Mount Christopher to shield our happy homes,  
The lake to show the beauty of its charms.

The people from the dusty city streets  
Flock here to lead the simple country life,  
To climb the woody hills and tramp the lanes,  
Far from the cities' noisy, mad'ning strife.

Our thoughts should turn to our brave pioneers,  
The grandest of that old time-honored stock;  
Who built far better than they ever knew  
This firm foundation, solid as a rock.

One hundred years have passed; the time has come  
When all should feel the touch of that glad grin  
To claim good Woodstock as their place of birth,  
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Motto, "Freedom's Banner,"  
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Let Us Forget,  
Dana Cummings of Portland  
Home of Early Days by Dr. J. Am-  
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Motto, "Battle Cry of Freedom."

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Woodstock in the Civil War,  
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Motto, "The Old, the New, the Young,"  
Bertrand G. Whitman, of Boston;  
Marianne Bern Schaffer, of New York  
(City).

C. Montrose Wicks, of Portland, N. J.  
Native of Woodstock,  
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Woodstock Boys,  
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Motto, "Marching Through Georgia,"  
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Woodstock in the Temperance Movement,  
by Rev. Almon B. Blakes, of Portland  
Our Fathers and Mothers,  
Rev. C. O. Miller, Paris  
Motto, "America," Congregation  
A fine display of fireworks was  
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ter which there was a grand ball at  
the opera house, which was decorated  
for the occasion.

Exhibition of Antiques.  
The Orange Hall was given over to  
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well worth more than a casual glance.  
Among the exhibits were: Old spinning  
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clock reel, candle mold, wool cards,  
loom shuttle, mortar and pestle, silk  
broom, flat back gun with powder  
horn and cartridge box used in Revolu-  
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of linen, shawl blanket, wool blanket  
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by John and Ayer Felt over 100 years  
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er pitcher, soap, candle stick, soap,  
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inches of rainfall. This is only an  
average. The amount lost through the  
foliage varies (1) with the kind of  
crop, whether large or small leaf sur-  
face; (2) with the character of the  
plant; (3) the size of the crop; (4)  
the amount of moisture supplied. In  
very moist times, the crop will lose  
less in proportion to the amount of dry  
substance produced and in very dry  
times, more. It should be understood  
that the amount of water mentioned is  
not a sufficient supply for a crop, but  
under all field conditions allowance  
must be made for some run-off and  
evaporation from the surface of the soil  
as well as the part used in the plant  
structure itself.

The water is absorbed from the soil  
by the very fine root hairs of the  
plant. The composition and texture of  
the soil influence its water holding ca-  
pacity. The roots develop best when  
the water supply approximates a cer-  
tain amount, variations being allowed  
for the different plants, soil, temper-  
ature, etc. Plants will not root deeply  
in wet soil and consequently they suffer  
when the latter dries out and deep-  
rooted plants will not live long if the  
soil becomes excessively wet. A pre-  
par amount of moisture not only pro-  
duces the greatest yield of both straw  
and grain but the growth will be in-  
fluenced so as to give maximum yield  
of grain with minimum amount of  
straw.

When the water content of the soil  
is 50 per cent more, or 30 per cent or  
less, of its water holding capacity, it  
is detrimental to the growth of the  
plant.

Ordinarily plants develop best in a  
soil retaining water amounting to 40  
to 50 per cent of its water-holding ca-  
pacity. This water is held in spaces  
between the soil grains so that the  
amount of water depends upon the total  
amount of space which in turn depends  
upon the size of the particles. A cubic  
foot of sandy soil contains about 40  
per cent by volume of air space and  
when all this space is filled with water,  
the sand will contain 25 pounds of  
water. A cubic foot of good wheat soil  
completely filled has been found to  
contain 34 pounds of water and the  
amount most favorable to growth is  
40 to 60 of 31 1/2 pounds or 13 1/2 to  
23 pounds. A cubic foot of clay soil  
completely saturated holds about 35  
pounds of water so that the most fa-  
vorable condition for plant growth  
would be when it contains 14 to 23  
pounds.

The character of the soil, cultiva-  
tion, and distribution of the rainfall  
throughout the growing season, have  
their effect upon the necessary supply.

GROVER HILL.  
Mr. and Mrs. F. Guy Campbell and  
Mr. A. Donald Weston motored up from  
Mechanic Falls, Sunday, and were  
guests at N. A. Stearns'. Miss Owen-  
delyn Stearns returned with them and  
will attend the Homan-West wedding,  
Wednesday evening.

Mr. M. P. Tyler is furnishing cream  
at Bethel Inn.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ceylon Harding and  
son have returned from Bryant's Pond.  
Almond Tyler, "Cobblestone," and  
W. H. Hutchinson and sons of Pleasant  
View Farm, went on to Grover Mount-  
ain, blueberrying, Saturday.

CONSTIPATION CAUSES  
MOST ILLS  
Accumulated waste in your thirty  
feet of bowels causes absorption of  
poisons, tends to produce fevers, upsets  
digestion. You belch gas, feel stuffy,  
irritable, almost cranky. It isn't you  
—it's your condition. Eliminate this  
poisonous waste by taking one or two  
Dr. King's New Life Pills tonight.  
Enjoy a full, free bowel movement in  
the morning—you feel so grateful. Get  
an original bottle, containing 35 pills,  
from your Druggist 10-day for 25c.

Advertisements.  
What to do about Smythe's party on  
Monday, I haven't a dress fit to wear."  
Little Girl—"Don't worry about  
that, mummy, I will ask nurse to put  
a tick in one of mine for you."

"What objection have you to  
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## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Beginning this year, Colby college  
will offer military training in connec-  
tion with gymnasium exercises. Harvey  
Cohn, athletic director of Colby, who  
served seven years in the 13th Regi-  
ment and Coast Artillery, New York,  
will have charge of these activities.  
The students will be formed in com-  
panies of 50. Competitive drills will  
be held from time to time. Lectures  
on first aid to the injured will be given  
by leading physicians of Waterville.

Bath has a complex index of the  
14,000 names of persons buried in the  
cemetery of that city and Supt. Ward  
of the park and cemetery depart-  
ment is now preparing a card in-  
dex for every lot in the various bury-  
ing grounds. It is a valuable plan and  
probably the best system of its kind  
in the State.

"There are in Maine today," said a  
prominent official of the Maine Cen-  
tral, "about 2,300 miles of steam rail-  
road, including the narrow gauge. As  
we had 2,248 miles of railroad in 1910,  
it is evident that only about 52 miles  
have been built in this State during  
the last five years. In 1840 there were  
only 11 miles of railroad in Maine.  
Soon after that date the work of rail-  
road building began in earnest and at  
the close of 1850 we had 245 miles. At  
the close of the next decade, 1860, we  
had 472 miles; in 1870, 780 miles; in  
1880, 1,013 miles; in 1890, 1,313 miles;  
in 1900, 1,915 miles, and in 1910, we  
had as I stated, 2,248 miles of steam  
railroad in Maine. At present there is  
no railroad extension work of special  
importance, so far as I know, going on  
in this State."

Alterations are being planned for the  
old county jail at Norridgewock in or-  
der to preserve it for one of the his-  
toric buildings of Somerset county.  
This grim looking old structure made  
of high blocks of Dodkin granite quar-  
ried in the vicinity was the first jail  
of the county, having been built in  
1810 at a cost of about \$2000. The  
building spot and \$800 in money were  
given by John Ware, but on condition  
that the site revert to the heirs when  
it ceased to be used for jail purposes,  
which happened in 1896. Norridgewock